

PROCLAMATION **NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH**JUNE 2018

WHEREAS, homeownership is an integral part of the American dream and enhances the well-being, pride and prosperity of North Dakota families; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to own a home is the strength of the nation and the source of the spirit of civic-mindedness that shapes the caring and nurturing of communities where our citizens live; and

WHEREAS, homeowners contribute to the health and vibrancy of our communities as they support local businesses, have a strong vested interest in their communities, and foster bonds of friendship with others who live and work in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, homeownership is fundamental to the health of the North Dakota economy and an important generator of jobs, income and financial security throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the nation's home builders offer the opportunity of homeownership to an increasingly wide segment of the nation's families through greater efficiencies and innovations in building techniques and materials; and

WHEREAS, the lower mortgage interest rates that are available today are making it easier for young working families to become homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Homeownership Month provides an opportunity for all factions of the housing industry to work together to provide families with the tools and information they need to overcome barriers to homeownership.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 2018, **NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.

ATTEST:

Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State